(i) Introduction of positive battery metering in cross-bar exchanges.

(ii) Provision of automatic switch over of day and night traffic.

(iii) Reduction of forced release period on called subscriber-held conditions from 1 to 2 minutes to 10 to 20 seconds in case of subscriber's dialled trunk calls.

(iv) Introduction of 500 milli-seconds, delay in trunk automatic exchanges for recognition of called subscriber answer conditions; and

(v) Routine testing of subscriber meter.

3. To safeguard the interest of subscribers and to prevent mischievous elements from tempering with the meter or line the following additional measures have been taken;

(1) Sealing of meters.

(2 Locking of meter rooms.

(3) Restriction of entry into MDF. Room (Main Distribution Frame Room).

(4) Rasing of distribution points.

(5) Locking of distribution points.

**Suicides committed in Metropolitan Cities**

3130. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suicides committed in metropolitan cities of the country from January, 1985 till September, 1986; and

(b) the details of steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A statement is enclosed. (See below).

(b) Necessary preventive steps are taken to check the crime where it comes to notice before its committal.

**Statement**

*Number of suicides committed in the Metropolitan cities of the Country from January, 85 till Sept. 86*

| Metropolitan Cities | January, 85 to Decem, ber, 1985 | January, 86 to Septem- ber, 1986 |
|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad . . | 171 | 162 |
| Bangalore . . | 411 | 252 |
| Bombay . . | 423 | 160 |
| Calcutta . . | 128 | 85* |
| Delhi . . . | 410 | 74 |
| Hyderabad . . | 184 | .. |
| Jaipur . . . | 45 | .. |
| Kanpur . . | 255 | 20 |
| Lucknow . . | 72 | .. |
| Madras . . | 718 | 60 |
| Nagpur . . | 194 | 9 |
| Pune . . . | 165 | 137 |
| TOTAL . . . | 3176 | 1641 |

NOTE: (1) Figures may be treated as provisional.

(2) Dash(—) indicates the Nil Information.

(3) *Upto August, 1986.

**Coverage of U. P. Districts by the T. V. network**

3131. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of districts in U. P. which are not covered by the T. V. network till September, 1986;

(b) by when these districts are likely to be covered by the T. V. network; and

(c) what are the details of T. V. facilities proposed to be transacted to these districts during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?